

C H A P. XLIX.

An Act, Concerning Orphans.

A. D. 1715.

Repeal'd, and
otherwise provid-
ed for by the Or-
phan Act, pass'd
Novemb. 1762,
Chap. 5.

50. *An Act, to encourage the destroying of Vermin.* E X P.51. *An Act, to ascertain what Persons are Titables; and to direct the Method to be observed in the taking the Lists of them.*

Repeal'd by Act,
April 2, 1743,
Chap. 2.

C H A P. LII.

An Act, for appointing a Town in the County of Bath, and for securing the Public Library belonging to St. Thomas's Parish, in Pamplico.

Preamble.

I. **W** H E R E A S, at the Request of Mr. *John Lawson*, Mr. *Joel Martin*, and others, a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, purchased by them, lying on the Old-Town-Creek, in *Pamplico*, and containing, by Estimation, Sixty Acres, be the same more or less, being Part of a larger Tract then belonging to *David Perkins*, but now in the Possession, and of Right belonging, to Col. *Thomas Cary*, and divided from thence by a Line of marked Trees from the Old-Town-Creek, to Mr. *Barrow's* Line, now also the Right and Possession of the said *Cary*, was incorporated and made a Township, by an Act of the General Assembly, made and ratified, at the House of Captain *John Hecklefield*, the Eighth Day of *March*, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Five, with divers Privileges and Immunities therein, and thereby invested in the said *John Lawson*, *Joel Martin*, and *Nicholas Daw*, to and for the Uses therein mentioned: To promote therefore the Settlement of the said Town, and for securing the Public Library of *St. Thomas's* Parish, in *Pamplico*,

Lands invested in
Commissioners
by the Name of
Bath-Town.

II. *BE it Enacted by his Excellency the Palatine, and the Rest of the true and absolute Lord Proprietors of the Province of Carolina, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Rest of the Members of the General Assembly, now met at Little River, for the North East Part of the said Province, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, That the said Land be, and it is hereby henceforward invested in Mr. John Porter, Mr. Joel Martin, Mr. Thomas Harding, and Capt. John Drinkwater, or any Two of them, to and for the Uses aforesaid, and Declared, Confirmed, and Incorporated into a Township, by the Name of BATH-TOWN; with all Privileges and Immunities hereafter expressed, for ever.*

Ground set apart
for a Church,
Town-House,
and Market-
Place.

III. *PURSUANT to which, It is hereby Enacted, That convenient Places and Proportions of Land be laid out and preserved, for a Church, a Town-House, and a Market-Place; and that the rest of the Land which is not already laid out, be forthwith laid out into Lots, of half an Acre each, with convenient Streets and Passages, by the said Trustees, or any Two of them.*

Any Person may
take up Lots.

IV. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person whatsoever, who is desirous to be an Inhabitant of the said Town, shall have Liberty to take up any Lot or Lots so laid out as aforesaid, and not before taken up; which Lot or Lots the Commissioners aforesaid, or any Two of them, are hereby directed, required, and impowered, to grant, convey, and acknowledge, to the Persons so taking up the same, and to his Heirs and Assigns, for ever, in Fee-Simple, upon Payment of Thirty Shillings, Consideration-Money, for each Lot; out of which Money the first Purchasers shall be re-imburset the first Purchase, with their reasonable Charges and Disbursements, and the Overplus shall be appropriated to the Use of the Church, to be disposed of as by the Vestry of the Precinct of *Beaufort*, shall, from Time to Time, be directed and appointed.*